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SUPPORT

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Madame Chair and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 413. My name is Donna S. Edwards, and I am the President of the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO. On behalf of Maryland's 300,000 union members, I offer the following comments.

We support the establishment of the Apprenticeship 2030 Commission. Identifying and developing appropriate apprenticeship opportunities for industries that have high demand for skilled workers prepares our youth for careers. Most importantly is expanding affordable, accessible workforce training opportunities that provide bona fide career paths in all industries.

We look forward to fully participating on the Commission and providing our vast experience of successful registered apprenticeship in the skilled trades, aeronautics, maritime and engineering.